SAARC Decade (1991-2000 AD) for the girl child focussing on the survival, protection and development of the girl child has been formulated. A special set of interventions for adolescent girls has been institutionalised through the ICDS structure.

(d) Law, order and criminal matter is a State subject under the Constitution and therefore, the direct responsibility for dealing with enforcement of the acts are that of the State Governments and the mechanisms under them. The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes against women is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. However, the Government of India has initiated a number of measures to check such crimes. Apart from legislative changes in the relevant Acts, instructions/guidelines have been issued from time to time to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to effectively enforce legislation relating to crimes against women and the girl child.

Decision of KVS to enhance tuition fees, Etc.

66. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangthan has recently decided to enhance tuition and other school fees; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) The Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan decided to authorise the Chairman to take a decision taking all aspects into consideration.

विदिशा, मध्य प्रदेश में केन्द्रीय विद्यालय खोला जाना

67. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश के विदिशा जिले में कोई केन्द्रीय विद्यालय नहीं है; और

(ख) क्या राज्य सरकार अथवा विदिशा के जिला प्रशासन ने वहां एक केन्द्रीय विद्यालय खोलने के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार या केन्द्रीय विद्यालय संगठन को कोई प्रस्ताव भेजा है; यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है तथा इस पर अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुही राम सैकिया): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) मध्य प्रदेश के विदिशा जिले में केन्द्रीय विद्यालय खोलने के लिए एक प्रस्ताव केन्द्रीय विद्यालय संगठन को प्राप्त हुआ है। जिला कलेक्टर, विदिशा से जो प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है, वह अपूर्ण है। निर्धारित मानदंडों के अनुरूप प्रस्ताव भेजने के लिए जिला अधिकारियों से अनुरोध किया गया है।

Denial of Selection Scales to Kendriya Vidyalaya Laboratory Assistants

68. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: –

(a) whether it is a fact that the categories of employees of Central Government and instrumentalities of Government who are paid "teaching allowance", are designated as Teachers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Laboratory Assistants in Kendriya Vidyalayas are paid teaching allowance; and

(c) if so, the justification, if any, for denying to Laboratory Assistants' senior and selection scales admissible to teachers of KVS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Laboratory Assistants have not been granted senior scale/Selection scale on par with teachers as the qualifications and job responsibilities prescribed for Laboratory Assistants are different from those prescribed for teachers.

Need to Regulate 'Teaching shops'

69. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether absence of any regulating authority has led to proliferation of English

medium schools which in reality are 'teaching shops' in Delhi and other parts of the country;

(b) whether Government propose to take any steps to exercise some control over such schools and prevent them from charging exorbitant fees and other dues;

(c) if so, the details of such steps; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (d) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have informed that schools including the English medium ones are regulated under the provisions of the Delhi School Education Act and Rules, 1973.

Section 17(3) of Delhi School Education Act, 1973 provides that-"the Manager of every recognised school shall, before the commencement of each academic session, file with the Director a full statement of fees to be levied by such schools during the ensuring academic session and except with the prior approval of the Director, no such school shall charge, during the academic session, any fee in excess of the fee specified by its Manager."

State Governments have their own regulatory meachnism for management of schools.

Submission of Report by Rastogi Commission

70. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether several organisations of the University teachers of Delhi have urged the Rastogi Pay Commission of the UGC to submit its report without any further delay;

(b) if so, the time by which the Commission will submit its report; and

(c) whether the Commission will keep in view the genuine demands and grievances of the University teachers while finalising its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rastogi Pay Committee is likely to submit its report to University Grants Commission (UGC) by 31st March, 1997.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Criteria for Admission in Open Universities

71. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Open Universties in the country, the places at which they have been functioning and how many of them are in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the number of students in these Universities including Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), together with the details of students of India and other developing countries; and

(c) the criteria fixed for admission in these Universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a): At present, the following eight Open Universities have been established in the country:

National Level

1. Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi.

State Level

2. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.
3. Yashvantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nasik Maharashtra.
4. Kota Open University, Kota, Rajasthan.
5. Nalanda Open University, Patna, Bihar.
6. M.P. Bhoj Open University, Bhopal, M.P.